

REMARKS

Minor changes are proposed to the Drawings to conform the drawings to current PTO practice. Copies of the formal drawings showing the proposed changes in red ink are attached hereto. Minor changes are made to the Specification to conform the Specification to the proposed Drawing changes. Approval of the drawing changes and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. New formal drawings in accordance with the proposed drawing changes are submitted together with this amendment and the payment of the issue fee.

In the Notice of Allowance, there was no indication whether the drawings, as filed, were acceptable. Likewise, Applicant has received no PTO-948 Form that would indicate whether the drawings, as filed, required formal changes by the draftsperson.

Together with the payment of the issue fee, Applicant submits formal drawings in which certain minor changes are proposed to Figures 7 and 9 to comply with current PTO requirements. These formal changes to Figures 7 and 9 are:

- (1) the section line A-A in Figure 7 has been re-labeled as section line 8A-8A.
- (2) the section line B-B in Figure 7 has been re-labeled as section line 8B-8B.
- (3) the section line A-A in Figure 9 has been re-labeled as section line 10A-10A.
- (4) the section line B-B in Figure 9 has been re-labeled as section line 10B-10B.

The Specification at pp. 6, 7, 12 and 17 has been amended to conform the Specification to the above identified formal changes to the drawings.

Approval of the changes to the drawings and the Specification and entry of the amendment is hereby requested.

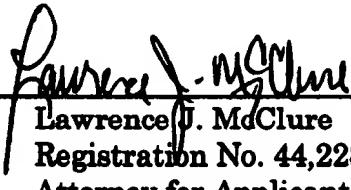
If for any reason the Examiner finds the drawing changes other than acceptable, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 337-6700.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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